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BRINGING BRENTWOOD RESIDENTS TOGETHER



November – a month to reflect...
Remembering Louise Guy, see page 13



EVER SMILING: Farewell to Louise Guy, May 26, 1918 to September 30, 2010

Did you ever see Louise riding her pink bicycle around the neighbourhood, zipping off to her shopping and errands? Or stopping by a community event such as the Mural Celebrations or Street Parties, or meet her early in the morning when the spans of Whispering Grasses Walkway were swung into place over John Laurie Boulevard. Perhaps you met her at the Farmers' Market, or at a meeting to save Nose Hill from development, or in association with supporting the building of the Sportsplex or sharing her stories of Brentwood's history at the Library, or attending events at the University with her. Or maybe you were recently weeding with her in Whisper-

ing Woods: no one could haul out thistles better than Louise at age 91. Maybe you even climbed the Calgary Tower in support of the Alberta Wilderness Association with Louise sometime in the last few years, when she won awards for most senior female climber.

Forty-five years ago, Louise and her husband Richard, came to live in Brentwood after they had raised their family. Now, sadly, Louise has passed away, and will be keenly missed by Richard and so many others. In an interview published in the July/August 2009 Brentwood Bugle, p. 6, Lee found, "enthusiasm to be a key element in both their lives, including their enthusiasm about living in Brentwood due to its proximity to the mountains, University of Calgary, shops, and buses. As they summed it up, 'Everything is here!'" As recently as August 26, 2010, in an interview with Polly about the Guys' participation in and observations on the greater Brentwood community, Louise was remarking how, "The Brentwood Bugle has been really, really good in the last few years. Oh very good indeed." Louise never thought when she and Richard moved here in the 60s, that they'd stay more than a few years.

Richard recently shared the following obituary: (Nancy) Louise Guy, wife of Richard, died on September 30th, leaving sons Mike & Peter (wife Janet and children Andy, Kenny and Rosie) and daughter Anne (and her children by Peter Scott, Kathy and Carol) and Carol's husband Colin Booth and great-grandchildren Sarah and Emily. Born in Islington, London, (Nancy) Louise Guy spent her first few years in Switzerland, and then grew up in Leeds. She trained in domestic science in Leicester and started teaching during World War II. Her life was one of service, devoted to ameliorating and prolonging the lives of others, setting an example, encouraging those

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less fortunate than herself, remaining remarkably active in spite of several severe medical setbacks, teaching lepers in Singapore and the deaf in Calgary, winning her section of the Lake Louise Loppet and taking up rock climbing when in her fifties, and continuing until she was eighty, delivering Meals on Wheels, working for peace (Ploughshares) and the environment (Friends of Nose Hill), climbing the Calgary Tower (for the Alberta Wilderness Association) and Ha Ling Peak (for her own enjoyment) every year into her nineties. Last year she won the CBC's award for the Most Active Senior. She was made an Honorary Member of both the Alpine Club of Canada and of the Calgary Mountain Club. She was a patron of the Mountain Guides Ball and was given the A.O. Wheeler Award for service to the Alpine Club of Canada, having, amongst many other things, rescued their General Mountaineering Camp in the mid-eighties. She supported Eyesight International and numerous other medical causes. Her request was that there should be no funeral, and that tokens of remembrance should take the form of donations to charity such as those mentioned above, or medical research, especially for cancer and the heart; or the Alpine Club of Canada, or the University of Calgary (where she endowed the Richard & Louise Guy lectures).

We hope you enjoy the photos of Louise "in the neighbourhood." Her energy, enthusiasm, and caring will be greatly missed by all.

Yours in Community, **Polly Knowlton Cockett & Lee Hunt**

T.A.L.E.S.

in the Neighbourhood

by **Karen Gummo**

Did you know that there is a circle of storytellers just waiting for your listening ears at the Nose Hill Library 1530 Northmount Dr. N.W. at 7 pm on the second Wednesday of every month? Please join us in the pro-